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JANUARY 28, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

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Mr. CAMBRELENG, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill :

## A BILL

*To amend an act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight," passed second of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3   *from and after the passage of this act, the manifest and oath*  
4   *required by the ninth section of the act, entitled "An act to*  
5   *prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place with-*  
6   *in the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the*  
7   *first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand*  
8   *eight hundred and eight," shall be dispensed with in any case,*  
9   *upon application being made for that purpose to the Collector*  
10   *of the Customs in the District to which the vessel may belong;*  
11   *and that, in lieu thereof, the owner of every coasting vessel, of*  
12   *the burthen of forty tons or upwards, shall give his bond,*  
13   *the form of which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of*

14 the Treasury, with two sureties, for double the value of the  
15 vessel, conditioned that neither the owner, master, or officers,  
16 shall violate any of the provisions of the ninth section of the  
17 act aforesaid, or of any act or acts of the United States re-  
18 lating to the prohibition of the importation of slaves into  
19 the United States, or of the transportation of them from  
20 one port to another within the jurisdiction of the same ; and,  
21 in case of the violating of the condition of the said bond, the  
22 owner of such vessel shall forfeit and pay the amount of the  
23 bond ; one moiety thereof to the use of the United States, and  
24 the other moiety to the use of any person or persons who  
25 shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect.